

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is presented to further distinguish applicant's invention. Subsequent to filing the amendment in response to the June 4, 2004 office action, Applicant prepared and filed a response in the parent case to this application. Accordingly, in view of the amendments in the parent case (serial number 10/251,477) filed September 17, 2004, Applicant would like to further amend the claims in this case to distinguish the subject matter present in the continuation in part application.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 543-0221.

Respectfully submitted,



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